

These maintenance guidelines aim to provide basic care instructions for your Vinylsport resilient athletic flooring. For optimal results and an extended useful life, we recommend that you personalize your maintenance regimen to meet your facility's individual needs, based on square footage, events & increased traffic, available resources & equipment, etc.

### WET MAINTENANCE

**INITIAL WASH.** You will need to thoroughly wash your new vinyl flooring with a floor scrubber that has been fitted with a non-abrasive brush (with soft nylon bristles) before you begin using it, in order to remove all production and/or construction residue. The initial wash should not be completed until a minimum of 72 hours after the resilient athletic flooring has been fully installed. ***NOTE: For gymnasiums with newly painted game lines, be mindful of paint curing times and follow paint manufacturer's recommendations before you wash the painted resilient athletic flooring; it is recommended to wait a minimum of 30 days prior to scrubbing/using a floor scrubber over newly painted lines.***

**DEEP CLEANING.** Periodical deep-cleaning is recommended. Deep cleaning can occur after events, during school breaks, quarterly, annually, etc.; determine what is appropriate for your type of facility and use. Deep cleaning is always performed with a floor scrubber that has been fitted with a non-abrasive brush (with soft nylon bristles). Use of heavy duty floor cleaner (or in some rarer cases a floor stripper) may be prescribed, depending on the overall surface buildup and appearance of the resilient athletic flooring. Rinsing is highly recommended; you may need to perform multiple rinses with clean water to completely remove all residues that can come from a heavy duty cleaner or standard cleaner used at a higher concentration.

**REGULAR WASHES.** Daily vacuuming/dust mopping (untreated) is highly recommended. Perform washes at necessary frequency (based on use) to ensure optimal results, respecting a minimum of one wash per week. Use a neutral resilient floor cleaner, preferably one that is daily-formulated, low foaming and film-free. *Note: Even when a cleaner advertises "rinse-free", if you perform frequent washes, it may be wise to monitor the surface's appearance and to occasionally rinse when needed.* For best results, perform washes using a floor scrubber that has been fitted with a non-abrasive brush (with soft nylon bristles); this generally provides much better results than mopping. If you do not have access to a floor scrubber or that the room layout/standing equipment does not allow for its easy passage, you can use a mop (microfiber is recommended over traditional cotton mops). When using a mop system, designate one mop for washing and another mop for rinsing, while remembering to frequently dispose of wastewaters and refresh the cleaning solution. Use clean non-abrasive deck brushes that have soft nylon bristles for any spot scrubbing necessary.

### WASHING PROTOCOL

1. Clean liquid spills as they occur and remove any solid debris from the surface. Vacuum surface (or use untreated dust mop) to remove dust/dirt.
2. Put up "wet floor" signs/caution tape/barricades prior to performing wet maintenance.
3. Use a floor scrubber (<300 rpm for disc scrubbers) and adjust the downward pressure to "low". Fasten clean non-abrasive brush (with soft nylon bristles).
4. Refer to chemical SDS (safety data sheet) for all personal safety requirements. Dilute cleaner per the manufacturer's instructions for the level of soil present. Test dilution rate on a small area to ensure efficiency. Prominence™ by Diversey is recommended. Refer to Cleaning Products section on page 2.
5. Wet surface with cleaning solution and allow a dwell time of 5-10 minutes. **DO NOT let the surface dry out prior to scrubbing to avoid excessive friction**; rewet as needed. Scrub in multiple directions and vacuum up wastewater.
6. If required for the cleaner used, rinse the surface with fresh water to remove residue; avoid soap film buildup that can trap dust/dirt and encourage the rapid formation of soiling patterns. Repeat rinsing as needed. Allow surface to fully dry before use. *Note: If rinsing is not required for the cleaner used, monitor aesthetics over time in case occasional rinsing is wise.*

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 **PRECAUTIONS**

- Do not use adhesive tape on the surface of the Vinylsport; tape can be difficult to remove and can stain.
- Do not use steel wool, abrasive brushes and abrasive pads (black, brown, etc.) that can damage the surface.
- Do not spot clean with turpentine, gasoline or solvents that can dull or discolor the surface.
- Never tilt a floor machine to dig into stubborn marks/stains, in order to avoid damaging the surface.
- Prolong aesthetics in high traffic areas (e.g. entrances) with protective mats.
- Always use premium “non-staining” mats, runners and rugs (no transferable black carbon chemicals in the backing).
- Fit furniture/equipment with non-staining (pvc or polyethylene) caps/glides/wheels, min. 1-inch wide and flat on ground.
- Prevent pooling water under or around base of furniture/equipment; do not allow rust to occur and stains to ensue.
- Avoid point loading\*: spread object weight evenly over a large area to avoid depressions, deformations or damage.
- Move heavier objects across the surface with care\*; use plywood or Masonite to create skids/bridge.
- Vinylsport has a foam backing\* that will **NOT** support heavier loads (bleachers, portable nets, utility vehicles, etc.).
- Greasy foods/colored beverages spilled onto the surface and left unattended can increase staining/maintenance efforts.
- Vinylsport is **NOT** resistant to footwear with cleats/spikes and stilettos.
- Vinylsport is not UV-formulated and cannot be installed outdoors. Shade/film windows and glass doors.

*\*Mondo will not be held responsible for any damage caused by a heavier object placed on or transported over Vinylsport. Vinylsport is resilient vinyl flooring with a compressible foam backing that is not suitable for use with heavier objects; always ensure proper weight distribution of all objects and protect the surface from damage at all times.*

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**CLEANING PRODUCTS**

If you will be using cleaning products other than those suggested herein, please perform in-house tests on stock samples or small secluded sections of flooring to determine suitability and effectiveness. Prior to adopting new chemicals, ensure the surface of the resilient athletic flooring will not be damaged or suffer from reduced aesthetics. In general, use neutral pH floor cleaners (between 7-9) for regular washes, never use products that have a pH above 12 or below 2, and use solvent-free, phosphate-free and phenol-free chemicals.

**SUGGESTED DIVERSEY CLEANERS**

Prominence™ Heavy Duty Cleaner (formulated for daily use)  
Profi™ Cleaner and Degreaser  
Stride™ Citrus Neutral Cleaner (formulated for daily use)

**OTHER SUGGESTED DIVERSEY PRODUCTS**

Virex® II 256 Disinfectant  
No Maintenance Flooring Emulsion\*  
Wiwax™ Cleaning and Maintenance Emulsion\*

*\*A surface rejuvenator can be used on any clean resilient athletic flooring, leaving behind a protective/restorative film ([www.diversey.com](http://www.diversey.com)). No waxes or special coatings needed.*

**CHEMICAL-FREE MAINTENANCE.** For any facility wanting to limit the use of maintenance chemicals, we recommend that you consult the Tennant Company for information regarding their ec-H2O™, Orbio® and NanoClean technologies ([www.tennantco.com](http://www.tennantco.com)).

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